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FOR OIM/SAD, W ALE, FROM ADVANCE OFFICER WATTS

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SUBJECT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION/EXTRACTION TRADE MISSION
BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA ADVANCE REPORT

#### 1. ADVANCE PROGRAMMING

A. DUTIES OF A/O WATTS CARRIED OUT AND COMPLETED IN BRAZIL 17-24 JULY; IN ARGENTINA 25-29 JULY. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROGRAM AND THE VARIOUS SCHEDULES, SET FORTH BELOW MAY AT THIS POINT BE CONSIDERED FIRM AND ACCURATE; IN THE EVENT OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS, THE VARIOUS FS POSTS INVOLVED ARE REQUESTED TO COMMUNICATE SAME IMMEDIATELY TO COMMERCE AND OTHER CONCERNED ADDRESSEES.

B. THE MISSION PROGRAM BOTH IN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA HAS BEEN STRUCTURED IN CONSONANCE WITH, AND IN RESPONSE TO THE CONSENSUS OF PRIMARY INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MISSION MEMBERS, PLUS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF USDOC AND THE FS POSTS IN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA. IN THE LATTER CONTEXT, THE A/O WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND EXPRESSES THE APPRECIATION FOR THE EXCELLENT SUPPORT AND COOPERATION RECEIVED FROM THE RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS, THEIR STAFFS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE CONSULAR AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS AND

FSL PERSONNEL IN BOTH COUNTRIES WHO WORKED WITH THE A/O DURING THE PREPARATORY STAGE AND THE CONTINUING PHASES YET TO BE IMPLEMENTED PRIOR TO AND DURING THE VISIT OF THE T/M IN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA

ADDITIONALLY, A/O APPRECIATES THE EQUAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF ICA STAFF IN MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLICITY, PRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE CONNECTED WITH MISSIONS ACTIVITIES.

#### 2. BRAZIL

A. SUMMARY OF MARKET POTENTIAL. IN AN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE BRAZIL'S LARGE PETROLEUM IMPORT BILL - CURRENTLY RUNNING AT ABOUT \$4 BILLION ANNUALLY, FOR MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S TOTAL OIL REQUIREMENTS, THE STATE-OWNED OIL MONOPOLY, PETROLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. (PETROBRAS), PLANS TO DRILL OVER 500 WELLS DURING THE NEXT 4 YEARS, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF ABOUT \$1.5 BILLION DOLLARS. SOME 325 OF THESE WELLS WILL BE DRILLED OFFSHORE, WHERE A PROJECTED \$1.16 BILLION WILL BE SPENT DURING THE 1978-1981 PERIOD. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS GIANT OFFSHORE EXPLORATION EFFORT, OVER 30 RIGS (DRILLSHIPS, SEMI-SUBMERSIBLES AND PLATFORMS) ARE IN OPERATION OFF THE 7,500 KM BRAZILIAN COASTLINE, AND AS MANY AS 45-50 COULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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WORKING IN BRAZILIAN WATERS OVER THE NEXT 4 YEARS. IN FACT, HALF OF BRAZIL'S RECOVERABLE PETROLEUM RESERVES, TOTALLING ABOUT A BILLION BARRELS AND SOME 17.5 BILLION CUBIC METERS OF NATURAL GAS, ARE LOCATED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. RECENTLY, IN ORDER TO SPEED UP EVEN FURTHER THE PACE OF OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION, A NUMBER OF FOREIGN COMPANIES HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO BID FOR "RISK" (SERVICE) CONTRACTS FOR OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION; A TOTAL OF 17 SUCH CONTRACTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SIGNED DURING THE FIRST TWO RISK CONTRACT ROUNDS. (A THIRD ROUND, POSSIBLY OFFERING RISK CONTRACTS FOR ONSHORE AREAS FOR THE FIRST TIME, MAY BE HELD IN LATE 1978).

IN ADDITION TO BRAZIL'S MASSIVE PETROLEUM
EXPLORATION EFFORTS - INCLUDING THE WORLD'S SECOND
LARGEST OFFSHORE SEARCH, SUPASSED ONLY BY
EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES-PETROBRAS HAS
EMBARKED ON AN ESTIMATED \$2 BILLION PROGRAM TO
DEVELOP PRODUCTION FROM OFFSHORE AREAS, PARTICULARLY
THE CAMPOS BASIN, LOCATED NEAR BRAZIL'S MAIN OIL
CONSUMING AREA - THE RIO-SAO PAULO INDUSTRIAL

CORRIDOR - AND EXPECTED TO BE PRODUCING OVER 200,000 BARRELS/DAY BY THE 1980'S. DEVELOPMENT OF NEWLY DISCOVERED, PROMISING OFFSHORE OILFIELDS IS ALSO TAKING PLACE IN NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL. BY 1978, TOTAL OFFSHORE OIL PRODUCTION REACHED 14 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL AND 598,860,000 CUBIC METERS OF GAS A YEAR, WITH NEARLY 25 PER CENT OF BRAZIL'S PRESENT DAILY AVERAGE OIL PRODUCTION OF 171,000 BARRELS COMING FROM OFFSHORE AREAS. IN ADDITION, INTENSIVE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE, THROUGH THE USE OF SECONDARY RECOVERY TECHNIQUES, TO INCREASE YIELDS FROM ALREADY EXISTING ONSHORE FIELDS NEAR SALVADOR, IN BAHIA STATE.

IN SUM, BRAZIL'S RAPIDLY EXPANDING PETROLEUM UNCLASSIFIED

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INDUSTRY OFFERS EXCITING PROSPECTS FOR AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS OF OIL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES. THE SCALE OF THE BRAZILIAN EFFORT, WHICH IS APPROACHING \$1 BILLION

A YEAR, PLUS THE COUNTRY'S INCREASING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, BOTH FOR EXPLORATION IN EVER-DEEPER OFFSHORE AREAS AND BECAUSE OF MAJOR EFFORTS TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIONS BY SECONDARY RECOVERY TECHNIQUES, POINT UP AN OUTSTANDINGLY ATTRACTIVE MARKET FOR US SUPPLIERS OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY-RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. B. LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS - BRAZIL 1)- SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 06:25 ARRIVE RIO DE JANEIRO (RIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT) VIA PA-441. MET AND ASSISTED BY RESOURCE (AND CONTROL) OFFICER, PETER HANSEN. 08:30 DEPART RIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR BRASILIA, (VP -090). UNCLASSIFIED

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10:00 ARRIVE BRASILIA
MET AND ASSISTED BY JOHN BASH, COMMERCIAL
ATTACHE (SECOND CONTROL OFFICER).
ARRANGEMENTS AT HOTEL NACIONAL, ONE SUITE AT
US \$92.00; ONE DOUBLE AT \$35.00; 16 SINGLES
AT \$31.00. T/M MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED TO A 10
PERCENT DISCOUNT. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
INCLUDED. MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED,
BUT DISCOUNT ALLOWED ONLY FOR CRUZEIRO
(CASH) OR TRAVELERS CHECK PAYMENT.
15:00 (OPTIONAL) BRIEF SIGHTSEEING TOUR
OF BRASILIA HOSTED BY C/O BASH.
18:00 MISSION DIRECTOR'S MEETING IN HOTEL
SUITE, FOLLOWED BY FREE EVENING.

2) - MONDAY, AUSUT 21 09:30 PICK UP AT HOTEL FOR AMEMBASSY. 09:30 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR SAYRE; BACKGROUND BRIEFING BY EMBASSY STAFF.

11:30 (TENTATIVE) BRIEFING AT CDI.

14:00 GROUP VISIT TO MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY; MEETING WITH MINISTER SHIGEAKI UEKI (TENTATIVE); PRESENTATION BY GOB ON PERTINENT THEMES RELATED TO ENERGY/PETROLEU SECTORS.

16:00 RETURN TO HOTEL.

 $18:\!30$  PICKUP AT HOTEL TO GO TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

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19:00-20:30 RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR.

20:45 RETURN TO HOTEL: EVENING FREE.

3) - TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 07:45 DEPART BRASILIA (QD-401).

09:05 ARRIVE RIO.

MET BY RESOURCE OFFICER, PETER HANSEN.
BAGGAGE SENT SEPARATELY TO OTHON PALACE HOTEL
(COPACABANA), AVE. ATLANTICA 3264, TEL (021)
255-8812; TELEX (021)22655, WHILE TRADE MISSION
MEMBERS PROCEED TO CONSULATE GENERAL.

09:50 ARRIVE CONSULATE GENERAL.

10:00 BRIEFING BY CONSULATE GENERAL STAFF.

11:30 DEPART FOR OTHON PALACE HOTEL.

12:00 ARRIVE HOTEL: CHECK-IN, LUNCH.
HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS: ONE "PARLOR ROOM" (SUITE) AT \$52.00; ONE DOUBLE ROOM, \$56.00; 16 SINGLES
AT \$47.00, C/BREAKFAST INCLUDED, MAJOR CREDIT
CARDS ACCEPTED; DISCOUNT ONLY FOR CASH OR T/
CHECKS.

14:30 DEPART HOTEL FOR PETROBRAS.

15:00-17:30 WELCOME REMARKS BY PETROBRAS PRESIDENT GEN. ARAKEN FOLLOWED BY PETROBRAS STAFF PRESENTATION.

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17:45 ARRIVE CONSULATE GENERAL.

18:00 - 20:00 RECEPTION.

REMAINDER OF EVENING FREE (TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO OTHON PALACE HOTEL).

4) - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 MORNING, LUNCH AND EARLY AFTERNOON FREE FOR IN-DIVIDUAL APPOINTS. 16:15 DEPART OTHON PALACE HOTEL. 16:30 ARRIVE BNDE (FINAME) FOR BRIEFING. (N.B. THIS IS ONLY TIME AVAILABLE FOR BRIEFING AT BNDE.) 17:30 DEPART BNDE FOR OTHON PALACE. EVENING FREE. 5) - THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 06:15 DEPART OTHON PALACE HOTEL 07:15 ARRIVE RIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. 08:00 DEPART RIO FOR SALVADOR (SC 348). (GROUP ACCOMPANIED BY RIO COMMERCIAL OFFICER, LAWRENCE BENEDICT.) 09:50 ARRIVE SALVADOR. MET BY AMCONSUL PETER WHITNEY. 10:30 PRESENTATION BY LOCAL PETROBAS ENGINEERING, PRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE STAFF AT THEIR HEAD-UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED PAGE 05 BUENOS 05864 02 OF 04 311521Z QUARTERS. 12:30 WORKING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMCONSUL AT CLOSE-UNCLASSIFIED NNN UNCLASSIFIED PAGE 01 BUENOS 05864 03 OF 04 311713Z **ACTION ARA-14** INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-08 OES-09 DOE-15 SOE-02 ICA-20

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BY RESTAURANT AS CONTINUING PART OF ABOVE PROGRAM. ADDITIONAL DIALOGUE OR POSSIBLE SHORT INSPECTION OF FACILITIES AS PERMITTED BY TIME.

16:00 LEAVE FOR AIRPORT.

17:45 DEPART SALVADOR FOR ARACAJU (QD 502)

18:30 ARRIVE ARACAJU. ALL VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION WHILE HERE BEING FINALIZED BY AMCONSUL, SALVADOR. PROCEED TO HOTEL BEIRA MAR.

TEL. (079) 223-1921; TELEX (079) 0711697.

ACCOMODATIONS: 17 TWIN BED ROOMS, \$23.00 DAILY (SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE 20 PERCENT INCREASE BY AUGUST 1).

NO SPECIAL SUITES AVAILABLE; DIRECTOR'S MEETING POSSIBLE PERIPHERAL LOBBY FACILITIES, OTHER. ONLY BANKAMERICARD ACCEPTED, OTHERWISE TRAVSCHECKS OR CRUZEIRO CURRENCY.

DINNER. DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING AND MEETING, AS REQUIRED. UNCLASSIFIED

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COULD ALSO ARRANCE POSSIBLE INITIAL SOCIAL MEETING/ REFRESHMENTS AT HOTEL WITH SELECTED LOCAL PETROBAS STAFF PRIOR FRIDAY SCHEDULE. OTHERWISE EVENING FREE.

6) - FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

 $06\!\!:\!\!45$  PICK UP AND DEPART HOTEL FOR NEARBY PETROBAS HEADQUARTERS.

07:00 TRIP VIA PETROBAS COMFORTABLE CABIN CRUISER BOAT TO OFFSHORE PLATFORM RIG INSTALLATIONS AND RETURN. (APPROXIMATELY 4 HOURS ELAPSED TIME). OPPORTUNITY DURING TRIP FOR MUTUAL EXCHANGE, DIALOGUE BETWEEN MISSION MEMBERS AND ACCOMPANYING P/B STAFF.

11:00 RETURN TO HOTEL. LUNCH, FREE TIME.

13:00 ANY FOLLOW UP ACTIVITES, APPOINTMENTS; POSSIBLY A PERIPHERAL PRESENTATION BY PETROBAS THEIR LOCATION.

15:15 DEPART DIRECT FROM ABOVE, OR HOTEL FOR AIRPORT.

16:40 DEPART ARACAJU FOR RIO (RG 343).

SPECIAL NOTE. IN THE UNLIEKLY EVENT THAT HEAVYSTOPS
DUE TO WIND CONDITIONS SOMETIMES PREVALENT IN AUGUST
PRECLUDE THE BOAT TRIP TO THE RIGS, PETROBAS OFFICIALS
SUGGEST ALTENATIVE PLAN: VISIT ONSHORE ATALAIA FA-

CILITIES IN ARACAJU AND OPPORTUNITY FOR DIALOGE

MEETINGS WITH MISSION MEMBERS.

19:50 ARRIVE RIO.

MET BY RESOURCE OFFICER, PETER HANSEN.

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 $21{:}45$  ARRIVE OTHON PALACE HOTEL.

EVENING FREE.

7) - SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 MORNING, LUNCH AND EVENING FREE FOR INDIVIDUAL AP-APPOINTMENTS AND FOLLOW UP.

8) - SUNDAY, AUSUT 27

 $06{:}00$  DEPART OTHON PALACE HOTEL FOR RIO INTERNATIONAL. AIRPORT. ACCOMPANIED BY RESOURCES OFFICER, PETER HANSEN.

06:45 ARRIVE AIRPORT.

08:30 DEPART RIO FOR BUENOS AIRES, (PANAM 201).

C. BUDGET - BRAZIL

- 1) TRANSPORTATION 600
- 2) TRANSLATING AND PRINTING 250
- 3) SECRETARIAL SERVICES 300
- 4) INTERPRETERS 300
- 5) MISSION SUITES AND

DIRECTORS ROOM 775

- 6) RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY 775
- 7) TOTAL O & A 300
- 7) HOSPITALITY 1170
- 8) RESERVE 230

TOTAL HOSPITALITY 1400

TOTAL BUDGET 4400

#### 3. ARGENTINA

A. SUMMARY OF MARKET POTENTIAL. UNCLASSIFIED

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IN 1977, ARGENTINA'S CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION WAS 24,849,400 CUBIC METERS, AND IMPORTS WERE 3,512,200 CUBIC METERS.

GAS PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR WAS 12.08 BILLION CUBIC METERS. COST OF THESE IMPORTS WAS US\$297.7 MILLION. IMPORTS COVERED ROUGHLY 15 PERCENT OF TOTAL DEMAND.

ARGENTINA WILL ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE GAP BETWEEN DEMAND AND PRODUCTION, THROUGH AN AMBITIOUS EXPLORATION AND DEVLOPMENT PROGRAM. YACIMIENTOS PETROLIFEROS FISCALES (60\*), THE GOVERNMENT OWNED OIL COMPANY, HAS SIGNED 17 CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE OPERATORS IN RECENT MONTHS FOR THE REACTIVATION OF AS MANY FIELDS FORMERLY OPERATED BY YPF ON LAND. ALSO SIGNED RECENTLY BY YPF WAS A CONTRACT FOR THE EXPLORATION AND DEVLOPMENT OF A LARGE COMBINED (OFF-SHORE AND ON-LAND) ARE IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO. 19 MORE AREAS WILL BE TNEDERED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, INCLUDING 4 OFF-SHORE (APPROXIMATELY 100,000 SQUARE KM., WHICH 40 PERCENT OFF-SHORE)

YPF'S BUDGET FOR 1978 ASSIGNS US\$800 MILLION TO EXPLORATION (30 PERCENT PRODUCTION (70 PERCENT). 640 NEW WELLS ARE TO BE DRILLED, OF WHICH 140 ARE EXPLORATORY. SEISMIC, GEOLOGICAL AND GEO-PHYSICAL ACTIVITES ARE TO BE GREATLY INTENSIFIED, USING BOTH YPF'S OWN CREWS, AND OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS (MOSTLY U.S.). PRIVATE ACTIVITY IS NOT INCLUDED IN THESE FIGURES. THE MARKET FOR U.S. PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR THE OIL INDUSTRY IS EXPECT-ED TO EXPAND TO US\$28 MILLION IN 1979 AND 1980. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL COMMENT FROM EMBASSY RE EFFECT OF U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ON TRADE WITH ARGENTINA: USDOC MAY WISH (AFTER CONSULTING WITH US AGENCIES INVOLVED) CALL MISSION MEMBER'S ATTENTION TO CURRENT EFFECT OF US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ON EXIM FINANCING IN CONNECTION WITH SALES TO ARGENTINA. WE UNDERSTAND EXIM IS NOT AT PRESENT APPROVING LOANS, GUARANTEES OR INSURANCE AND THAT EXPORT LICENSES HAVE BEEN WITHELD ON BASIS OF USG ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. MISSION MEMBERS SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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AWARE AT LEAST FOR BACKGROUND OF THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM FOR

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SOME SALES TO ARGENTINA.

B. LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS - ARGENTINA

1) SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

 $11{:}35$  ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES (EZEIZA INTL AIRPORT) VIA PA 201.

MET AND ASSISTED BY COMMERCIAL ATTACHE (AND CONTROL OFFICER). GEORGE KELLY. GROUP TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO HOTEL.

13:00 CHECK IN AT BUENOS AIRES SHERATON HOTEL, SAN MARTIN 1225, TEL. 31-6311 OR 31-6321; TELEX (392) 12-2541. AC-COMMODATIONS: 16 SINGLES AT \$42/DAY; 1 MISSION SUITE AND DIRECTOR'S ROOM, \$84 (ALL PRICES REPRESENTING SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNT); ONE PUBLIC MEETING ROOM AS CENTRAL SITE FOR MEMBERS' APPOINTMENTS (AUGUST 29-30), TOTAL \$910. LUNCH. BALANCE OF AFTERNOON FREE. UNCLASSIFIED

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 $18:\!30$  MISSION DIRECTOR'S MEETING IN MISSION SUITE. BALANCE OF EVENING FREE.

## 2) MONDAY, AUGUST 28

08:00 PICK UP AT HOTEL FOR AMEMBASSY
08:30 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR CASTRO;BA
BACKGROUND BY EMBASSY STAFF.
10:00 DEPART EMBASSY.

10:30 ARRIVE AT THE SECRETARIAT OF ENERGY (SEE) FOR WEL-COME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY ENERGY SECRETARY, DANIEL BRUNELLA; PRESENTATION AND BRIEFING BY SEE STAFF.

12:45 DEPART SEE FOR HOTEL; TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED. LUNCH FREE TIME.

14:30 PICK UP AT HOTEL.

15:00 ARRIVE AT YPR (YACIMIENTOS PETROLIFEROS FISCALES). WELSOMING REMARKS BY YPF PRESIDENT, RAUL ONDARTS, FOL-LOWED BY PRESENTATION/BRIEFING BY YPF SECTORAL MANAGERS, OTHER STAFF.

17:15 DEPART YPF FOR HOTEL.

19:30 PICK UP AND DEPART FOR AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION. (N.B.: PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR THIS EVENT TO BE HELD AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE; EXACT SITE WILL BE CONFIRMED ASAP).

20:00 - 21:30 AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION (TIME TENTATIVE) UNCLASSIFIED

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21:45. PICK UP AND RETURN TO HOTEL; EVENING FREE.

3) TUESDAY, AUSUT 29

09:00 - 13:00

14:30 -18:00 ALL DAY AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS FOR INDIVI-DUAL APPOINTMENTS, FOLLOW UPS, ETC. AT CENTRAL SITE IN THE "MARTIN FIERRO" MEETING ROOM OF THE SHERATON HOTEL. PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS CALL FOR 15 INDIVIDUAL TABLES WITH CHAIRS, ADEQUATELY SPACED IN ROOM, AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS (AND DIRECTOR) AS WORKING AREA FOR THEIR DISCUSSION, CONTACT WITH VISITORS. SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST ON DUTY. COFFEE TABLE PROVIDED.

4) WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

09:00 - 13:00

14:30 - 18:00 SIMILAR SCHEDULE AS FOR TUESDAY.
ENTIRE DAY AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS.
N.B. WHILE THE HOTEL MEETING ROOM SITE WILL BE AVAILABLE BOTH DAYS FOR MEMBER'S USE, THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE EFFECTING APPOINTMENTS OR VISITS TO OTHER LOCATIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED OR DESIRED BY THE T/N MEMBERS OR THEIR CONTACTS. BETWEEN NOW AND THE DATE OF MISSION'S ARRIVAL IN B.A., THE POST WILL BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PUBLICIZING THE MISSION'S WORK AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS FACT WILL RESULT IN MANY REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. ALSO A SUBSTANTIAL MEMBER OF APPOINTMENTS AND FOLLOW UP CONTACT REQUEST SHOULD EMERGE AS A RESULT OF THE MISSION'S FIRST DAY VISITS TO SEE AND YPF, AND THE EMBASSY RECEPTION.

 $18:\!00$  TRADE MISSION OFFICIALLY TERMINATES AT THIS POINT. UNCLASSIFIED

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MEMBERS WILL FOLLOW THEIR INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL SCHEDULES. NOTE: THE FIELD TRIP TO COMODORO RIVADAVIA, ORIGINALLY CONSIDERED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, WAS CANCELLED DUE TO PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS OF DISTANCE INVOLVED, TIME AVAILABLE AND A REASSESSMENT OF THE BENEFIT ACCRUING TO THE MEMBERS FROM A VISIT TO THIS OFFSHORE OPERATIONAL SITE.

#### C. BUDGET - ARGENTINA

1) CONFERENCE/MEETING ROOM

(MEMBERS APPOINTMENTS) 910

2) MISSION SUITE 336

3) PRINTING 100

4) PHOTOGRAPHY 30

5) INTERPRETERS 240

6) SECRETARIAL 120

TOTAL O & A 1736

7) HOSPITALITY 500

RESERVE 64

TOTAL HOSPITALITY 64

TOTAL BUDGET 2300

## 4. SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS

THE A/O'S SUMMARY CONCLUSION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESENT TRADE MISSION TO BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, POSSIBLY THE LARGEST NUMERICALLY AND OF SUCH HIGH EXECUTIVE LEVEL EVER SPONSORED BY THE US GOVERNMENT TO LATIN AMERICA APPEARS TO BE MOST OPPORTUNE AND TIMELY. THE

THEME OF PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION, WITHIN THE GREATER CONTEXT OF ENERGY SOURCES, MERITS AND IS RECEIVING THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN BOTH BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA. UNCLASSIFIED

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AS SUCH, ARRIVAL OF THIS IMPORTANT
GROUP FROM THE US PRIVATE INDUSTRY SECTOR.
IS GENERATING PARTICULARLY HIGH INTEREST IN THE CONCERNED QUARTERS AND AT THIS
POINT MUCH SUCCESS APPEARS TO AUGUR FOR THE MISSION DURING
ITS VISIT TO BOTH THESE COUNTRIES.

5. COMMERCE MAY WISH COPY THIS REPORT BE REPRODUCED AND SENT TO MISSION MEMBERS. CASTRO

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